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SUBJECT: MTN: DISCUSSIONS IN ARTICLE 113 COMMITTEE
MEETINGS - MAY 26

REF: BRUSSELS 10144

1. WE UNDERSTAND FROM MEMBER STATE SOURCES THAT HIGH-
LEVEL ARTICLE 113 MEETING ON MAY 26 SPENT MOST OF TIME
ON AGRICULTURE. SOURCES DESCRIBED THE MEETING AS IN-
CONCLUSIVE BUT HAVING BEEN USEFUL IN BRINGING MEMBER
STATES UP TO DATE ON SPECIFIC AGRICULTURAL ISSUES.

2. ON BEEF, COMMISSION CIRCULATED A PROPOSAL FOR AN
INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON WHICH IT WILL SEEK MEMBER
STATE FINAL APPROVAL ON JUNE 9. ONE SOURCE DESCRIBED
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COMMISSION PROPOSAL AS CONCENTRATING ON EXCHANGE OF
INFORMATION ON PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION. ITS PURPOSE
TO THE EC WOULD BE TO ALLOW EC TO SCALE DOWN ITS OWN
PRODUCTION IF IT BECAME APPARENT THAT WORLD MARKET
WAS ENTERING A SURPLUS PERIOD. COMMISSION GOAL, ACCORD-
ING TO THIS SOURCE, IS TO AVOID HAVING TO CLOSE EC
MARKET TO LDC BEEF EXPORTERS ABRUPTLY AS HAPPENED IN

THE PAST.

3. ON GRAINS, U.S. SOURCE SAID THAT COMMISSION HAD GIVEN MEMBER STATES FURTHER INFORMATION ON IDEA OF NOTIONAL PRICING. ON FEED GRAINS, MEMBER STATES HAD AUTHORIZED COMMISSION TO CONTINUE TO TEST THE WATER AND TO BE MORE FLEXIBLE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE U.S. SOURCE SAID THAT MEMBER STATES HAD RECOGNIZED THAT STRICT APPLICATION OF MAXIMUM/MINIMUM PRICE OR NEED FOR FULL-SCALE COMMODITY AGREEMENT SHOULD NOT STAND IN THE WAY OF REACHING AN UNDERSTANDING WITH U.S. THAT WOULD MEET EC OBJECTIVES.

4. ON DAIRY, IRISH CONTINUED TO BE DIFFICULT OVER COMMISSION PROPOSALS TO DEVELOP IMPORT RULES DESIGNED TO STABILIZE MARKET FOR CHEESE, A MEASURE DESIGNED TO HELP NEW ZEALAND. ACCORDING TO UK SOURCE, COMMISSION OFFICIALS TOOK THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REMIND MEMBER STATES THAT ENTIRE NEGOTIATION IN MTN WOULD REQUIRE LOTS OF GIVE AND TAKE AND THAT EACH MEMBER STATE WOULD NEED TO SHOW SOME FLEXIBILITY IN RESPONSE TO SPECIFIC AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT REQUESTS. OUR SOURCE READ THIS AS FURTHER COMMISSION EFFORT TO SOFTEN UP ITALIANS AND OTHERS ON U.S. TARIFF REQUESTS.

5. ALSO ON MAY 26, DEPUTIES-LEVEL 113 COMMITTEE MET TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONTINUE DISCUSSION ON DEVELOPING FURTHER LIST OF POTENTIAL WITHDRAWALS ON INDUSTRIAL TARIFFS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT GROUP HAD INCONCLUSIVE DISCUSSION AND THAT THERE WAS NO MOVEMENT FORWARD TOWARD DEFINING A SECOND LIST.

6. 113 COMMITTEE IS NOT SCHEDULED TO MEET AGAIN BEFORE WEEK OF JUNE 5. HINTON

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